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HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES

ESSEX COUNTY PRESBYTERIANS, 1758. — "These are to certifie the Worshipful Court of Essex County that we the subscribers intend to make use of a place on the land of Mr. Thomas Miller in the Parish of South Farnham in this county, as a place for the publick worship of God according to the practice of Protestants of the Prespiterian Denomination, and we desire that this our certificate which we make according to the directions of an Act of Parliament commonly called the Act of Toleration, may be registered in the records of the Court according to law.

Thomas Clarke	James Medley, Senr.	John Bush
Robert Clarke	Alexander Smith	James Turner
William Amis	William Ramsey, Jr.	Thomas Dunn
John Smith	William Dunn, Jr.	Phillup Kid
Abraham Mountague	Benjamin Smith	Thomas Cox
Isaac Williams	Nathaniel Dunn	John Williamson
Titus Farguson	James Dunn	Thomas Johnson
John Clarke	Richard St. Jo[hn]	John Davis
John Wily	Richard Crittenden	John Rodyn
Henry Street	Thomas Denet	Leonard Williamson
John Sadler	William Ramsey	Arthur Tate
William Parr	Francis Brown	Benjamin Dunn
John Jones	William Gording	Josiah Daly
George Russel	Josiah Mactyer	

At A Court held for Essex County at Tappa. the 18th day of July 1758. This Certificate was this day presented in Court by the subscribers hereto and on their motion admitted to record and is recorded. Test. John Lee Junr. D. Clk." A Copy Teste:

H. SOUTHWORTH, *Clerk* (Essex County Records)

OATH OF AN "ANNABAPTIST PREACHER" IN 1715." — "I Robert Norden do sincerely promise and solemnly Declare before God and the World that I will be true and faithfull to his Majesty King George and I do solemnly promise and Declare that I do from my heart abhor, detest and renounce as Impious and Hereticall that Damnable Doctrine and Position that Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope or any Authority of the Sea of Rome may be Deposed or Murthered by their subjects or any other whatsoever, and I do Declare that no foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate hath or ought to have any power, Jurisdiction, Superiority, Preheminence or Authority Eclesiasticall or Spirituall within this Realm.

"I Robert Noirden Profess faith in God the Father and in Jesus Christ his Eternall Sonn the true God and in the Holy Spiritt, one God Blessed for evermore, and I do acknowledge the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by Divine Inspiration.

Robert Norden.

"Att a Court held for the County of Prince George on Tuesday the fourteenth of June Anno Dom: 1715. Robert Norden an Annabaptist Preacher appeared in Court and (pursuant to the Direction of an Act of Parliament made in the first year of the reign of King William and Queen Mary entitled An Act for Exempting their Majestys Protestant Subjects Dissenting from the Church of England from the penaltys of Certain Laws) took And Subscribed the Oath and Declaration above written which by order of the Court was Truly recorded. Test: Wm. Hamlin, Cl. Cur." (*Prince George County Records,* Vol. 1713-1728.)

LAWRANCE FAMILY IN VIRGINIA. — "The writer wishes to have particulars of John Lawrance, who was a farmer and postmaster in Virginia. He was a younger son of William Lawrance, farmer, Lochlip, Ratten, Aberdrenshire (born about 1714 and a zealous advocate of Episcopacy), and his wife Margaret Mitchell. John was born at Invernorth, Ratten, Aberdrenshire, and baptized 24th July 1757 before witnesses Simon Reed and Andrew Smith. I have no details further than quoted, but it is quite possible some descendants in Virginia are known. The brothers and sisters were (1) Thomas (born about 1744); Charles (born about 1746); Jean (born 1750); Alexander (born 1754); William (born 1758); and Elizabeth (born 1761). The details of John and his circle are urgently requested for a family history of the Lawrance's, which I have been compiling slowly and surely for many years." — *Robert Murdoch Lawrance,* editor *Aberdeen Book Lover,* 247 Union Street, Aberdeen, Scotland.

CAMM FAMILY. — Prof. J. S. Ames, of Johns Hopkins University, writes the following in connection with the Camm Family in QUARTERLY IV., 278: "Recently I have found in the Pension Office, Washington, several new facts concerning President John Camm's daughter Elizabeth. She was born 1777 Aug. 2, married June 30, 1792 *William* Whitaker (d. 1807, Oct), son of Simon and Rachel (Singleton) Whitaker, who ran away to join the American forces, and later became Lieut. of Artillery. He was one of the original members in Virginia of the order of the Cincinnati. They had two children: Anthony Singleton Whitaker, a lawyer in Richmond and Sarah Whitaker, both of whom died unmarried. Mrs. Eliz^{b} (Camm) Whitaker was living in Richmond as late as 1848, in great need."

FARMER.—"My great-great-grandfather, Joseph Chandler (May 4, 1764-1853), married Sarah Farmer (Dec. 22, 1770-1851) in Virginia and moved to Franklin County, Ga.; Sarah Farmer's father was John Farmer and his wife a Miss Newton — all English. I am very anxious to find Revolutionary service of John Farmer and all genealogical data." — *Rhoda Cheves,* Carrollton, Georgia.

WEBB. — "I notice in the January, 1917, number of the QUARTERLY you have reprinted the genealogy of the Smith family, of Essex County, Va., from Vol. VI., No. 1. I am able to add information concerning the descendants of Mary[4] Smith, who married James Webb, Jr. (son of James and Mary Edmondson Webb, of Essex County, Va.), a signer of the Northern Neck Association in opposition to the Stamp Act, February 27, 1766. Issue Four sons and three daughters: (1) Francis[5] Webb, born Essex County, Va., 1757; married 1786 Frances Walker, born 1764 — died 1809 (daughter of Freeman and Frances Belfield Walker). Francis[5] Webb was a midshipman in the Virginia Navy. Served three years — died 1811, Hancock County, Ga. Issue: Eight children — six sons, two daughters: 1 Bathurst,[6] 2 Thomas,[6] 3 James,[6] 4 John,[6] 5 Francis Belfield,[6] 6 Richard Walker,[6] 7 William Meriwether,[6] 8 Francis[6] Walker; (3) James went to Texas, left family — (4) John, to Georgia, left large family; others died without issue. (2) James Webb,[5] born 1762, married Dorothy Throckmorton about 1790; (3) William Webb,[5] born 1765. Was a doctor. Married first Miss Rousie, second Miss Priscilla Brown. (4) Mary Webb,[5] married Albine Throckmorton, a Baptist preacher. (5) George Webb,[5] lawyer; went to Kentucky; had a large family (some of his sons living in Louisville 1870). (6) Lucy Webb,[5] married ———; moved to Kentucky. (7) Jane Webb,[5] married ———; moved to Kentucky. I copied this from a manuscript of my great-grandfather, John Webb,[6] (son of Francis,[5] James,[4] Jr., James,[3] James.[2]) He was born Essex County, Va., March 20, 1794, married Ann Thomason, daughter of John Conner Thomason and Narcissa Lewis, his wife, Newton County, Ga., August 19, 1870. Issue: Eleven children — John Webb was a soldier in war 1812, and also contributed much to the cause of the Confederacy. James Webb[6] (brother of John Webb) born Essex County, Va., March 31, 1792, married June 24, 1813, Rachel Elizabeth Lamar (daughter of Colonel Thomas Lamar, of Georgia). Issue: Seven children, four sons and three daughters. James[6] Webb was in war 1812 — U. S. Judge of Southern District of Florida (appointed by John Quincy Adams), resigned during Van Buren's administration and accepted Secretary of State of Republic of Texas, under Lamar, Attorney General of Texas, and while Attorney General was appointed Minister to Mexico. Resided near Corpus Christi, Texas. Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District of Texas at time of his death, November 1, 1856." — *J. Adger Stewart,* Louisville, Kentucky.

WELLFORD-YATES. — "Making some investigations in the Yates family, I noticed the other day a curious error in the note in Volume XIX, page 113, about John Thornton of Stafford County. His will was dated 1788, and probated 1789, which dates I think are correct. But the note is added that his widow married Dr. Robert Wellford in *1781*, obviously an error — one fallen into no doubt by following Judge Wellford's statement published in the QUARTERLY, Vol. XI, page 2. If you can readily give me tne correct date of Dr. Wellford's marriage to the widow Catherine (Yates) Thornton, I should be very much obliged." — *Benj. L. Ancell,* Episcopal Church Mission, Yangchow, China.

JONES FAMILY. — "Referring to your January issue, under the head of "Queries, Regarding the Jones," I wish to say that I believe this family of Jones is the same family that I have been endeavoring to trace for the past few years. I find that my ancestor, David Jones, who died in Fluvanna County, about 1819, had the following sons: William, John, David, James and Roland, which is shown by his will of January 8, 1817, recorded in Fluvanna Co. This David Jones was evidently born near 1730. I have been unable to get anything further than his will from the Fluvanna County records. It appears that he owned land in Fluvanna County when that county was formed from Albemarle Co. I have not been able to get much from the Albemarle records except a few small real estate transfers. Noticing the similarity in the names of the family, leads me to believe that there is a possibility of this being the same family mentioned in your January issue. If you can suggest some method by which I can further trace this, I will appreciate it very much." — *G. C. Jones, Atlanta, Ga.*

David Jonès was probably a son of Orlando Jones, of Hanover County, living there in 1771. Roland Jones was a son of Orlando Jones, of Hanover, who was a son of Lane Jones, of New Kent, who was only son of Orlando Jones, of New Kent, who was son of Rev. Rowland Jones, first Minister of Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, who was son of Rev. Rowland Jones, Vicar of Wendover, Buckinghamshire, England. (See QUARTERLY V, 194-196.)